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1. There was no atomic energy research being conducted in Hungary and there is none being conducted there now, for three very good reasons: (a) there is no one in Hungary sufficiently eminent to lead it; (b) no funds are available; (c) the Soviets would not permit it in Hungary at any event.

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2. If there were any physicists with this potential left in Hungary, the Soviets would have them removed to the USSR and exploited in connection with the atomic energy and nuclear fission projects in the Soviet Union itself. the Soviets have succeeded in removing to the USSR not one single Hungarian physicist of any prominence or marked ability, and most of them are now in the US. This same situation likewise applies to the Hungarian mathematicians. The only exception here is Leopold Fejér, who is very old and who is still in Budapest at the Scientific University, formerly the Péter Pázmány Tudományegyetem, together with others less brilliant.

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3. The Soviets do not permit independent research of any sort in the Satellite countries, and would not permit even supervised research in the more

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sensitive, diacritical, exigent, or strategic fields, such as atomic energy
research. In these situations, they would greatly prefer to send the
potential researchers to the USSR where much more close supervision and
control can be exercised over them.

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